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The major difference between the Microsoft trial and the "OJ" trial is that maybe OJ wasn't guilty; Microsoft actually managed to have the case decided on the emotional value of various libertarian slogans like "we're being punished for our success" rather than the actual facts of the case.

Microsoft's monopoly makes Standard Oil's look trivial. Microsoft won, big time, and it's stranglehold over the field of Information Technology remains intact and will continue to tighten in the years ahead.

The DoJ, or rather the politicos who so arrogantly place their uninformed opinions of what they think 'should be' above the facts, should be ashamed. And now the States are letting Microsoft pay off their 'penalty' by giving CDs of their software (costing \$1.00 or less to produce) to schools and claiming \$400.00 retail price, all the while increasing their monopoly into yet another area.

I for one am ashamed

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